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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application: John E. Archibald Jr et al :	Group Art Unit: 2133
	Examiner: Joseph D. Torres
Serial No.: 09/872,386	IBM Corporation
Filed: 06/01/2001	Intellectual Property Law
Title: Storage Media Scanner Apparatus and	Department IQ0A/040-3
Method of Providing Media Predictive	1701 North Street
Failure Analysis and Proactive Media	Endicott, NY 13760
Surface Defect Management	

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In response to the Final Office Action dated 02/09/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

(Previously cancelled) Claim 1.

2.(Previously amended) A method for testing a data storage medium for defects, the method comprising the steps of:

determining whether a region on said storage medium contains user data, and if so, copying said user data from said region to a temporary storage location;

after the copying step, attempting to write a data pattern to said region of the storage medium, and then reading back contents of said region;

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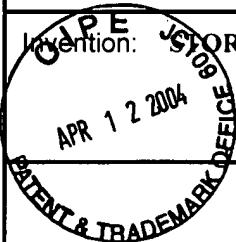
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Invention: STORAGE MEDIA SCANNER APPARATUS & METHOD OF PROVIDING MEDIA PREDICTIVE....

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